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A GOOD REIGN—The Lord reigneth. He is clothed with majesty; the Lord is clothed with strength, wherewith he hath girded himself; the world also is established, that it cannot be

They do say that Mayor Thompson won't let Chicago billiard players put any English on the balls.

Some of our viewers-with-alarm don't seem to realize that nine-tenths of the American people don't know what a "night club" is.

The northern vistor in Florida who complains that he doesn't like to use Florida water for his morning bath should eat Florida grapefruit for breakfast.

The old scriptural idea was that the sins of the fathers should be visited upon the children, but a Chicago psychiatrist says when the kids are bad, the parents should be punished for it.

We have felt previously that the $3 license fee initiative was a total waste of voting time and ballot paper if it comes up at the next election. We are still inclined to that opinion but there can be no serious harm in letting the voters of Oregon express themselves on the subject, and thus get it settled for many years to come. There is no danger of its being approved—the people of the state are too proud of their highways, too appreciative of their value, too well satisfied with the justice of the present system of raising highway revenues—and too jealous of attempts to add new burdens to the property tax.

Wide interest in public affairs is our greatest insurance against poor government. The Observer, as a newspaper, appreciates every aid in stimulating that interest. Only by an exchange of ideas, only by the friendly airing of grievances, real or imaginary, can the responsibility of citizenship be given the emphasis it deserves. We welcome, therefore, such letters as Mr. Green has written, welcome others dealing with any angle or side of a public question. They are an additional stimulant to serious thought along lines of general concern—and there is never cause to fear the decisions of a thinking public. While welcoming letters of opinion, however, we must necessarily exclude anonymous communications for the very reason that they lack the good faith evidenced by a known signature. A letter received today has a typewritten name as a signature—a name that could not be verified in the telephone directory or by other means—and cannot therefore be published until the writer makes himself known, at least in our confidence. When that requirement is met, space will gladly be given, on this or any other occasion.

AN OCCASION FOR COMPLIMENTS

Not often, under ordinary circumstances, does a small city have an opportunity to take part in the opening of a new hotel. Once in each generation, sometimes once in a half century, does the growth and development of a community warrant the building and furnishing of a new hotel.

La Grande has reached that point. And, with the unusual experience of seeing two beautiful hotel structures rise in a single year, will observe and take part in the opening of the first tomorrow. It is an event of wide interest, an event that has the attention not only of Eastern Oregon but most of the state, an event that emphasizes the very evident trend toward building a true metropolis here in the eastern portion of the state. It deserves particular attention.

In this issue of The Observer is given a detailed description of the new La Grande Hotel, several pictures of it, and a host of congratulatory messages from business firms whose good will is thus evidenced. To these The Observer adds its sincere editorial compliments and wishes for the La Grande hotel the success and popularity in keeping with the beautiful building and luxurious furnishings it has provided for the use of La Grande people and the traveling public.

The hotel is one to be proud of. It is exceptionally well arranged and is furnished down to the last detail in a manner that would do credit to any metropolitan hotel. La Grande people who know many and varied hotels as a result of train and motor travel in a great many states will realize, on inspecting the La Grande hotel, how fortunate the traveler will be who selects La Grande for a stopping place in future years. That, in itself, is a great community asset and one that will be increasingly appreciated as time goes on.

To Mr. Becktell, the builder, and Mr. Clinger, the lessee and operator, is due the credit for visioning not only the La Grande hotel itself, but the future expansion and importance of this community, and the opportunity here for energetic enterprise. They have done well—our congratulations to them and the institution they have now established!

ABE MARTIN

Even if he is quiet I'll bet President Coolidge has got a mind of his own an' kin assert himself as well as anybody when somethin' goes wrong, for instance, when th' White House cook bakes too many p'taters. Next t' settlin' back an' lightin' a nickel cigar at th' dinner table, th' worst thing is whittlin' out a toothpick an' "goin' t' it.

POULTRY PRICES GO LOWER TODAY

Wide Range of Turkey Quotations and Supply of Birds Is Ample

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 17 (AP)—Prices on dressed meats and poultry are a little easier on the local markets today. Choice veals are moving at 16 to 17c, with demand light. Hogs are quoted at 12 to 13½c on weights up to 150 pounds, while heavier stock is moving in small quantities at from 11 to 11c.

Poultry prices likewise are a bit lower. Light hens bringing 14c, heavy hens 18c and springers from 20 to 21c.

There is a wide range of turkey prices with more than an ample supply of birds. Live turkeys are quoted from 12 to 18c, while dressed birds are going at 41c for extra choice, ranging down as low as 35c for culls and seconds. Live ducks are selling at from 20½ to 22c.

Butter prices are a bit stronger with extra quoted at 47c, standards 46c, prime firsts 45½c and firsts 44½c. This is an increase of a cent over yesterday's quotations on all classes except standards.

Eggs are a little easier, with medium a cent lower at 34c on the Portland exchange.

On the produce market prices today are generally steady, except for lettuce and sweet potatoes, which are somewhat stronger. Lettuce is going to the trade at from $1.50 to $1.75 per crate, with demand good. Sweet potatoes are up ½c, selling at 2½c and moving rapidly at that price.

The potato market is irregular, with a fairly range of prices. Top on Cheney Yakima Gems is around $1.40, while seconds are going as low as $1.25, with little demand.

PORTLAND LIVESTOCK

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 17 (AP)—Cattle and calves: Necessary [illegible] steady, except as follows: Steers 1100 lbs. and down, good, $9@10; do 1100 lbs. and over, good, $9@10; medium 1100 lbs. up, $7.50@9.50; all weights, medium, $6@7.50; all weights, common, $4@6; cows, good, $5@6; cows, medium, $4@5; cows, common and cutters, $3@4; bulls, good, $4@5; bulls, medium, $3.25@4; calves, good, $8@10; calves, medium, $6@8; calves, common and light, $4@6; feeder steers, good, $6.50@7.50; feeder steers, medium, $5@6.50; stock steers, good, $5@6.50; stock steers, medium, $4@5; stock cows, good, $4@5; stock heifers, good, $5@6.50; stock calves, good, $6@8; stock calves, medium, $4@6.

Hogs: Week, 5 cents lower; [illegible] 150 lbs. and over, [illegible]; medium weight, 150 to 200 lbs., medium to choice, [illegible]; heavy weight, 200 to 250 lbs., [illegible]; heavy, 250 lbs. and up, [illegible]; pigs, 100 lbs. and down, [illegible]; sows, [illegible]; stags, one-third off.

Sheep and lambs: Necessary [illegible] steady, except as follows: Lambs, medium to choice, 110 lbs. and down, $13@[illegible]; ewes, [illegible].

PORTLAND PRODUCE

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 17 (AP)—Vegetables: Lettuce, 1 to 2 crates, $1.50@1.75 per crate; sweet potatoes, 2½c per pound; Idaho Burbanks, 1½@2c per pound; Yakima Gems, $1.25@1.40 per cwt.; Oregon Burbanks, $1.25@1.40 per cwt.; onions, 2c per pound; Oregon yellows, $1.50@1.75 per cwt.; Oregon whites, $1.50@1.75 per cwt.; cabbage, 1½@2c per pound; Oregon Flats, 40@45c per crate; Oregon Ballons, 40@45c per crate; Oregon Ballons, 40@45c per crate; Oregon Ballons